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BELOW IS THE OFFICIAL ENGLISH TEXT OF THE PROPOSED LTTER FROM THE EC TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE GATT IN PRESENTATION OF THE LOME CONVENTION, AS THE TXT EMERGED FROM THE MAY 28 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIUS. THE TEXT HAS BEEN AGREED BY THE MEMBER STATES WITH ONE BRACKETED ADDITION REQUESTED BY THE FRENCH DELEGATION BUT OPPOSED BY THE OTHER MEMBER STATES. A REPORT OF THE DISCUSSION IS CONTAINED IN A SEPTEL. TH FOLLOWING IS THE TXT. BEGIN TEXT

SIR,

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED, FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, THE TEXT OF THE CONVENTION SIGNED IN LOME (TOGO) ON 28 FEBRUARY 1975 BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, THEIR MEMBER STATES AND 46 AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC STATES,  
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OF WHICH THE COUNCIL WAS INFORMED AT ITS MEETING ON 24 MARCH.

I SHOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU, IN THIS CONNECTION, AS WAS ALREADY STATED ON 24 MARCH, THAT THIS TEXT IS BEING FORWARDED FOR THE SAKE OF COURTESY AND EFFICIENCY WITH REGARD TO THE C.O. BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE NATIONAL RATIFICATION OR ADOPTION PROCEDURES, WHICH ALON WILL GIVE THE CONVNTION FULL LEGAL VALIDITY AND EXISTENCE. NEVERTHELESS, AS WAS STATED BY THE EC REPRESENTATIVE ON THAT SAME OCCASION, THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION WILL PUT ITS TRADE PROVISIONS INTO FORCE AS FROM 1 JULY 1975.

ALSO REFERRING TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY TH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIV TO TH COUNCIL ON 24 MARCH, I WOULD POINT OUT THAT THE COMMUNITY IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE LOME CONVENTION INTRODUCES A NEW MODEL FOR ECONOMIC OOPERATION IN GENERAL AND FOR TRADE RELATIONS IN PARTICULAR BETWEEN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH A LONG HISTORY OF SPECIAL AND PRIVILEGED RELATIONS WHOSE VALIDITY AND PERMANENT NATUR WERE EXPLICITLY RECOGNIZED IN THE GENERAL AGREEMENT.

THE TRADE ARRANGEMENTS INTRODUCED BY THE LOME CONVENTION SUPERSEDE THOSE WHICH EXISTED BETWEEN THE EUROPE OF THE SIX AND SOME ACP STATES AND BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND AND OTHER ACP STATES.

IT REPRESENTS THE ADAPTATION, IN THE FORM OF COMMON ARRANGEMENTS COMPATIBLE WITH THE NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF THE CUSTOMS UNION SET UP BETWEEN THE NINE MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY, OF THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH THE MEMBER STATES EACH APPLIED TO THE VARIOUS ACP STATES.

UNDER THIS NEW CONVENTION, THE EEC RESPECTS THE OBLIGATION TO ABOLISH CUSTOMS DUTIES AND OTHER RESTRICTIVE TRADE REGULATIONS IN TH GREATER PART OF ITS TRADE WITH THE ACP STATES (IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XXIV OF GATT)(1).

MINDFUL OF THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF ITS PARTNERS AND OF THE PRINCIPLES SET OUT IN PART IV OF THE GENRAL AGREEMENT, THE COMMUNITY DID NOT INSIST ON RECIPROCITY IN ITS TRADE WITH THE ACP STATES. ALL OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOME CONVENTION AND SOME OF ITS INNOVATIONS IN PARTICULAR, REFLECT THE WILL OF THE EEC TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ACP STATES' DEVELOPMENT EFFORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO A FAIRER AND MORE BALANCED ECONOMIC ORDER.

THE COMMUNITY IS THEREFORE CONVINCED THAT THE CONVENTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF GATT AND COMPLIES FULLY WITH THE OBJECTIVES WHICH GOVERN AND MOTIVATE GATT AND THE ACTION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES. IT ACCORDINGLY REQUESTS THAT THE CONVENTION BE EXAMINED AS SUCH FOR ITS OWN MERITS IN THE LIGHT OF ALL THE OBJECTIVES OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT.

THE EEC IS PREPARED TO LEND ITS FULL COOPERATION TO THIS EXAMINATION, WHICH IT ASKS ALL ITS PARTNERS TO GATT TO APPROACH WITH THE SAME OPEN MIND, AND IT CONSIDERS THAT SUCH

AN APPROACH CAN, IN GENERAL, CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRESS IN  
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

PLEASE ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST  
CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.GREENWALD

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